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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/739)*]

56/246. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 48/218 B of 29 July 1994 and 54/244 of 23 December 1999,

Recalling also its decision 55/488 of 7 September 2001,

Having considered the annual reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the Secretariat for the periods from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000[1] and from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001,[2]

1. *Notes with appreciation* the work of the Office of Internal Oversight Services;

2. *Takes note* of the annual reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the periods from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000[1] and from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;[2]

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Office of Internal Oversight Services includes in its annual reports information regarding the implementation rate of the recommendations of the previous three reporting periods;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Office of Internal Oversight Services includes, in its next annual report, information regarding the impact of its reorganization on its work;

5. *Welcomes* the initiative to include in the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services[2] qualitative assessments of the implementation of recommendations defined as critical, and invites the Secretary-General to entrust the Office with refining the criteria referred to in paragraph 8 of that report, taking into account the relevant provisions of resolutions 48/218 B and 54/244, and to report thereon in the context of the next annual report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Office of Internal Oversight Services, when providing information on the implementation rate of critical recommendations in its future annual reports, deals separately with those recommendations which have been implemented, those which are in the process of being implemented and

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[1] A/55/436.

[2] A/56/381.

those for which no implementation process is under way, and the reasons for their non-implementation;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to present an update on the implementation of the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on mission liquidation activities at the United Nations, in particular with regard to write-offs, to the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-sixth session;

8. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, with regard to the new mission subsistence allowance referred to in paragraphs 88 and 89 of its report[2] are fully and expeditiously implemented, and to report on the matter in the context of the budget performance reports of the relevant peacekeeping operations;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Office of Internal Oversight Services submits an update on the status of the oversight activities referred to in paragraphs 71 to 81 and in paragraphs 52 to 60, respectively, of its two most recent annual reports,[3] for further consideration by the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-sixth session;

10. *Recalls* section III, paragraph 7, of its resolution 55/222 of 23 December 2000, by which it reiterated that all documents submitted to legislative organs by the Secretariat and expert bodies for consideration and action should have conclusions and recommendations in bold print.

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[3] A/55/436 and A/56/381.